

**2/4/08 - Monday, February 4, 2008**

**LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of February 4, 2008**

**Members Present:** John Mann, Ken Fulgione, Jenny Ebert, Bob Von Haden, Katrinka Bourne, Ken Ziehr

**Members absent:** Sue Nelson

**Minutes.** The minutes of the January 23, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

**Recognition for Gary Eisold.**

A plaque was presented to Gary Eisold for his service on the Commission.

**1. Election of Officers.** The Commission selected the following officers:

**Chairperson.** Ken Fulgione moved to nominate Jenny Ebert as Chairperson. Bob Von Haden moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Jenny Ebert. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**Vice-Chairperson.** John Mann moved to nominate Ken Ziehr as Vice-Chairperson. Bob Von Haden moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Ken Ziehr. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**Secretary.** Jenny Ebert moved to nominate Sue Nelson as secretary. Bob Von Haden moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Sue Nelson. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Discussion of Commission Goals and Projects for 2008.** The Commission discussed their goals and projects for 2008. The following items were noted:

§ A guided bus tour of historic properties in Eau Claire was suggested for the preservation week activity. Jenny Ebert could be the tour guide and follow a similar route of the tour used for the State Conference last fall. The Commission questioned whether the Historic Preservation Foundation would be interested in co-sponsoring the event. Jenny indicated that she would discuss this with the Foundation.

§ The Commission noted that they still wanted to meet with Susan McLeod from the Chippewa Valley Museum to discuss the neighborhood exhibit and a possible theme nomination for the Putnam Heights Neighborhood. The Commission suggested meeting with Susan in either March or April. John Mann noted that his students would start conducting their research in this area starting in the fall of this year. Katrinka Bourne indicated that she would like to assist in this project.

§ The presentation with the Third Ward Neighborhood was discussed. The tentative date is April 17<sup>th</sup> and the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood should be included.

§ An item should be added to address the need to meet with property owners within the Third Ward Historic Landmark District regarding their interest in returning their properties to the district. The Commission asked for a list of these property owners and then decide if personal contacts should be made or a meeting should be scheduled.

§ An item should be added to pursue the possibility of preparing some type of educational program for Community Television. Assistance from an intern should be investigated.

**3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.**

**A. CLG Grant Project.** The Commission discussed the status of the 2007 CLG Grant Project. Pat noted that the preliminary determination of eligibility form for the National Register for 101 North Dewey Street (former Huebsch Laundry Building) had been prepared and submitted to the State Historical Society. The Commission should receive word on the property's eligibility within a couple weeks.

**B. New State Legislation on Historic Preservation.** The Commission discussed new legislation being considered in Madison relating to historic preservation. Assembly Bill 599 pertains to the Historic Building Code, code requirements for multifamily dwellings, the historic rehabilitation tax credit and downtown development.

**C. WHS Award Program.** The Commission discussed the possibility of submitting a nomination for the Historic Preservation Award program sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society. The deadline for nominations is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Commission discussed possible properties for nomination and the Boyd School restoration/re-use project was mentioned. Commission members questioned whether an internship could be utilized in the preparation of the nomination. Pat indicated that he would discuss this with John Mann and if possible, then contact the building owner to see if he would be interested in the submission of the nomination.

**D. Future Agenda Items.** The Commission suggested that at a future meeting, that the owners of 401 Lincoln Avenue be asked to make a short presentation regarding their efforts to restore their front porch and obtain the tax credits from the State.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.